

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/572,889

Examiner: Aaron Robert Eastman

Applicants: Ian David Stones et al.

Art Unit: 3745

Title: VACUUM PUMP

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action of September 02, 2010. A three-month extension of response period is hereby requested. Please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. Applicants respectfully request for reconsideration of the application based on the amendments and remarks provided.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this Amendment.